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DEPARTMENT FOR CU/NEA AND SCA/VO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: VISAS: INVESTIGATIONS: STUDENT AID INTER-
NATIONAL

1. FOR DEPARTMENT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CHECK BONA-
FIDES OF STUDENT AID INTERNATIONAL (SAI), AN ORGAN-
IZATION HOLDING ITSELF OUT AS WILLING AND ABLE TO
PROVIDE FULL SCHOLARSHIPS TO ARAB UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
APPLYING FOR STUDENT VISAS.

2. FOR EMBASSIES. REQUEST SUMMARY OF YOUR EXPERIENCE,
IF ANY, WITH REF ORGANIZATION IN CONNECTION WITH
STUDENT VISA ISSUANCE.

3. BACKGROUND. STUDENT AID INTERNATIONAL (SAI)
PRESENTS ITSELF AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION REGISTERED
IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AS OF 1976, WITH ITS MAIN
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OFFICE IN NEW JERSEY AND BRANCH OFFICES IN KUWAIT, SAUDI
ARABIA, JORDAN, LEBANON, AND U.K. SAI BROCHURE STATES
ITS OBJECTIVES ARE TO ASSIST DISADVANTAGED AND ADVAN-
TAGED ARAB STUDENTS IN PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION; PROVIDE
GUIDANCE AND ORIENTATION; AND PLACE ARAB STUDENTS IN
GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS. SAI SOURCES OF FINANCE ARE
SAID TO BE CONTRIBUTIONS; GRANTS AND FEES. SAI

IS GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND A BOARD OF DIRECTORS (LENGTHY LIST CAN BE PROVIDED) WITH PRESENT HEADQUARTERS APPARENTLY AT FANWOOD, N.J. THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AID INTERNATIONAL IS MR. JOSEPH QUTUB, WHOSE LETTERHEAD STATES THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

A. ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER, SUITE 2321, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10048 (TEL: 212-755-7200).

B. P.O. BOX 10, FANWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07023 (TEL: 201-322-4960)

C. TELEX 833 454 TAC SCOC, SCOTCH PLAINS, N.J.

4. A BANK LETTER SUBMITTED HERE IN CONNECTION WITH A STUDENT VISA APPLICATION SPONSORED BY SAI INDICATES THAT IT HAD \$76,000 ON DEPOSIT AS OF MARCH 14, 1977 WITH THE FRANKLIN STATE BANK, 336 PARK AVENUE, SCOTCH PLAINS, N.J. 07076 (TEL: 201 322-4700).

5. MR. QUTUB'S BROTHER IN THE CHICAGO AREA IS SAI'S REPRESENTATIVE THERE: DR. MUSA Y. QUTUB, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY. RESIDENCE ADDRESS GIVEN IS 707 DAVIS ROAD, ELGIN, ILL. 60120.

6. THERE ARE SOME THIRTY STUDENTS FROM KUWAIT SPONSORED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY SAI WHO ARE SEEKING F-1 STUDENT VISAS, WITH NO EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT OTHER THAN LETTERS FROM SAI STATING THAT IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STUDENTS. THE I-20 BEARS THE MINIMUM OF INFORMATION APART FROM STATEMENT THAT SAI IS SPONSORING THE STUDENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF THESE STUDENTS ARE FROM PALESTINIAN BACKGROUND AND, IN THE COURSE OF OUR INQUIRIES HERE, WE HAVE GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT SAI IS SOMETHING OTHER THAN THE PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION IT CLAIMS TO BE. WE ALSO WONDER ABOUT ITS FINANCIAL ABILITY TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE SIZE AND AT THE RATE WHICH IT APPARENTLY IS OFFERING. MAESTRONE

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